

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Volunteers of America, Dakotas is celebrating 86 years of service in the Sioux Falls community, starting as prison ministries in 1920, and in 1923, opening as a child care center to serve families during World War I, and is recognized as one of the longest running, non-profit child care agencies in the nation; and,

*Whereas*, Volunteers of America, Dakotas has over 40 programs, 425 professionally trained, full- and part-time employees, and over 600 volunteers that serve over 24,000 children, youth, adults and families annually throughout the Dakotas; and,

*Whereas*, Volunteers of America, Dakotas' mission as a non-profit, spiritually-based organization is to reach out to empower people of all ages to become healthier, self-sufficient and productive members of their communities; and,

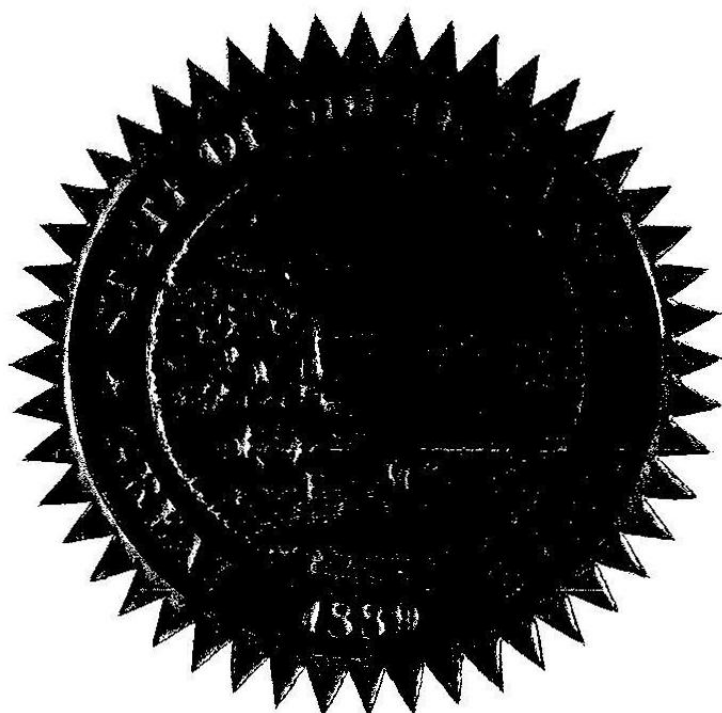
*Whereas*, Volunteers of America, Dakotas' plan is to continue meeting the human service needs in the Dakotas by helping people help themselves and fulfilling their hopes and dreams for a brighter future; and,

*Whereas*, Volunteers of America, Dakotas will hold its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Partners Breakfast on May 4, 2006, to thank all its "partners" in the community for their loyal support and to share its successes and goals:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2006, as

## *VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, DAKOTAS DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:  
*Chris Nelson*  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State